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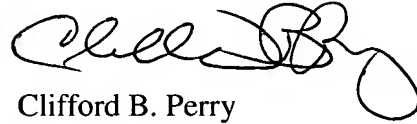
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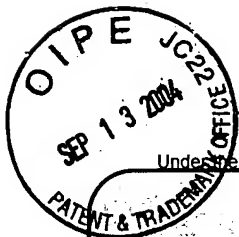
Applicants herewith attach a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued for the present application. The opinion was drawn up in view of the Davenport reference noted in an earlier provided Information Disclosure Statement. The Davenport reference and similar argumentation distinguishing the present invention thereover were filed in the Information Disclosure Statement of June 21, 2004.

For the reasons provided earlier, the Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to such effect is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this case or if any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to e-mail the Applicants' representative, Clifford Perry, at cperry@perryiplaw.com indicating the date and time when a return phone call discussing the case would be most convenient.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
the Applicants,

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